





# FOLLOW THE LEADER

**FEAR ME (9.22) and Ronnie's Champion** fought out a terrific finish to the Puppy Classic over C&D when Ronnie's floored the odds-on jolly.

Three months on and Charlie Lister's dog can exact his revenge in the fifth heat of the Bedford Eclipse at Nottingham tonight.

Both have gone their separate ways since that clash with Fear Me staying at home and winning the Manchester Puppy Cup, while Ronnie's Champion had a stab at the Irish Puppy Derby.

That decision appeared justified as Ronnie's Champion was favourite for the competition after two splendid front-running performances in the opening two rounds, only for things to go pear-shaped at the next stage.

That was six weeks ago and Ronnie's Champion has only been on the track once

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since, over C&D last week when he looked rusty in finishing only fourth.

It's true that Fear Me has also lined the bookies' pockets the last twice with C&D defeats in the semis and final of the Autumn Puppy Cup last month.

There are those that will be brave and fancy getting both beat.

Especially as they are new to all-aged racing as opposed to being advantaged as matured pups against younger and less experienced sorts.

The returning Roxholme Boy is an alternative but it's Fear Me for us.

Lister can also be on the mark in the final heat courtesy of his Laurels hero **BLONDE BOSS (9.37)**.

The champion trainer has been a critic of trap draws over the years, so he will not be impressed by Blonde

Boss's six-box, given the dog has only just recently been seeded middle from rails.

He has the class and pace to outclass his rivals though.

The competition has class in depth and also marks the return of **BALLYMAC NILOC (8.52)**, cruelly robbed of a place in the Irish Derby semis due to injury.

Carly Philpott's dog moved well in a trial last week and can maximise his trap one draw to score.

It could pay for the Rhinewares in the opening two eliminators, with Nottingham sprint stake winner and **RHINCREW STEVIE (8.27)** and persistent **RHINCREW SNOWIE (8.37)** the recommendations, while old favourite **YORKSHIRE (9.07)** can overcome a five-week lay-off in heat four.

**LASER BEAM (7.52)** has been turned over at odds-on the last twice, but he is different class in the supporting open over 305m.

## British Greyhound Racing Board

### CLASSY: Ballymac Niloc is fancied at Nottingham

## CRAYFORD TONIGHT

7.30 MINNIES RITA (5)	Upton Warrior (5)
7.45 DREAM EBONY (5)	Delightful Cook (3)
8.00 MICKY BLUE (2)	Downer Bob (5)
8.15 SLAM (6)	Viaduct (3)
8.30 OFFICIAL ROYAL (4)	Resident Guest (6)
8.45 SHEPHERDS PRIDE (2)	Tot Time (1)
9.00 YOU MAKE ME JUMP (nap) (3)	Happy Chappie (1)
9.15 DAINTY JANE (2)	Loughneen Sonia (4)
9.30 ROBERTSTOWN MAGIC (5)	Clonark Rose (3)
9.45 HAUGHTY ROONEY (nb) (1)	Gurranbeed Spot (4)
10.00 LORDSBURY DUST (5)	Faheo Jake (3)
10.15 POLL TOPPER (5)	Come Home Pixie (6)
10.30 JIMWONTPAY (6)	Star Display (5)

## NOTTINGHAM TONIGHT

7.20 MINNIE RITA (5)	Upton Warrior (5)		
7.45 DREAM EBONY (5)	DeLunight Cook (3)		
8.00 MICKY BLUE (2)	Dower Bob (5)		
8.15 SLAM (6)	Viaduck (3)		
8.30 OFFICIAL ROYAL (4)	Resident Guest (6)		
8.45 SHEPHERDS PRIDE (2)	Tot Time (1)		
9.00 YOU MAKE ME JUMP (n) (3)	Happy Chappie (1)		
9.15 DAINTY JANE (2)	Loughton Sonia (4)		
9.30 ROBERTSTOWN MAGIC (5)	Clonark Rose (3)		
9.45 HAUGHTY ROONEY (n) (1)	Gurranbeg Spot (4)		
10.00 LORDSBURY DUST (n) (1)	Fahes Jack (3)		
10.15 POLL TOPPER (5)	Come Home Pixie (6)		
10.30 JIMWONTPAY (6)	Star Display (5)		
7.22 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.215 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
7.25 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.218 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
7.28 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.221 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
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7.43 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.236 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
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7.55 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.248 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
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14.46 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.659 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
14.49 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.662 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
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15.01 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.674 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
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15.40 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.713 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
15.43 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.716 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
15.46 1545 Mays Spoil (f) (m)	500m	1.719 1195 Faint Faint (f) (m)	500m
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# imas return for Cowboy

TRAINER Jonjo O'Neill issued an upbeat bulletin on Rhinestone Cowboy as the classy staying hurdler edges closer to a return to racecourse action.

The Grade One-winning nine-year-old has been off since beating stablemate Iris's Gift at Punchestown in April 2004 but could run before Christmas.

"He's done a couple of bits of work and he's doing grand," said O'Neill. "We're very pleased with him and hopefully he will run this side of Christmas but I don't know to be honest."

"He's in great form and it's so far, so good. He'll definitely be staying over hurdles."

The in-form Jackdaws Castle handler also indicated Iris's Gift would be sticking to novice company at the Hennessy meeting at Newbury rather than taking up his engagement in the big race itself.

SIR REMBRANDT has "come back OK"

after being pulled up on his appearance at Cheltenham.

The Robert Alner-trained gelding has finished second and third in the last two runnings of the Cheltenham Gold Cup and he usually reserves his best performances for the Prestbury Park circuit.

But he was tailed off before being pulled up approaching three out by Andrew Thornton in the Servo Computer Services Trophy Handicap Chase there on Saturday.

"He's fine this morning. He came back OK," Alner said.

"Andrew just said they quickened away from him down the back straight."

"Although he likes soft ground, with the weight his feet got stuck in the mud down the back straight and it being first time out it just found him out a bit."

"I'm not unduly worried about that run, it will have

# RACING ROUND-UP

brought him on a ton and I'd be looking for a much better run next time.

"I want to run him sooner rather than later to take advantage of the run he had yesterday."

"The difficulty is finding races for him. The Rehearsal up at Newcastle (November 26) is an option and I think there is a race at Cheltenham on December 9 (Mears Group Chase) for him."

Alner's other star chaser, Kingscliff, remains on course for the £150,000 Betfair Lancashire Chase at Haydock Park on Saturday when the gelding will be ridden for a second time by Robert Walford.

The eight-year-old ran with considerable promise when second to Ollie Magern on his return in the Charlie Hall Chase last month.

Kingscliff has come on for the Wetherby outing and Alner said: "He is a very big horse, quite a bit

bigger than Sir Rembrandt, and no matter how much you do with him at home a case always brings him on a lot more."

WESTERNER will bid to give French trainer Elie Lellouche his third victory in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin next month.

Westerner, winner of the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot at York, rounded off his European campaign with an excellent second to Hurricane Run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

"Westerner is in great shape and there have been no problems since his second in the Arc," said Lellouche.

"I've already won the Vase on two occasions and been placed on others."

The David Elsworth-trained Norse Dancer could figure among Westerner's rivals.

"He's a top horse, the best I have had never to win a Group One," said Elsworth.

## RACING RESULTS

### CHELTEMHAM

**KITCHUM** (P A McCoy 13-2); 2, **Powerstation** (D N Russell 11-1); 3, **Massini's Maguire** (R Johnson 4-1); **Neptunes Colling** 11-4 fav 2/1, 3/1, 18 ran. Jonjo O'Neill, Temple Guiding.

Tote: £71.00; pl £2.40, £3.40, £2.30, exacta: £101.50, trifecta: £273.70, csf: £71.19.

**1.35 (2m 5f): 1, HORDAGO** (B C Byrnes 12-1); 2, **Il Duce** (R Thornton 12-1); 3, **Don O'Gravel** (P J Brennan 25-1); 4, **Manx Royal** (T Scudamore 33-1); **Penneyroy Bay**, Nippy Des Mottes 11-2 f fav, 8/1, 1/4, 23 ran. E McNamara, IRELAND.

Tote: £15.20; pl £3.60, £2.90, £3.30, exacta: £27.10, trifecta: not won, £126.48, tricst: £354.95, NR: The Market Man, 1-205 (2m).

**1.40 (2m 5f): 1, ACORN** (J Cullen 5-2 fav); 2, **Tamarineau** (P A McCoy 3-1); 3, **Albuhara** (R Walsh 9-1); 4, **Manx Royal** (P Nolan, IRELAND).

Tote: £3.40; pl £1.70, £1.70, £1.90, exacta: £13.40, trifecta: £7.00, csf: £10.00.

**2.40 (2m): 1, LINGO** (A P McCoy 5-1); 2, **Tramantano** (C Llewellyn 50-1); 3, **Phar Bles** (R Walsh 8-1); 4, **Adamant Approach** (D J O'Connell 11-1); **Power Elite** 7-2 fav 3/1, 1/4, 1/4, 19 ran. Jonjo O'Neill, Temple Guiding.

Tote: £6.80; pl £2.20, £1.90, £2.50, £4.70, exacta: £414.80, trifecta: £2,083.10, csf: £242.08, tricst: £1,996.23, NR: Admiral Penix 3-15 (2m 4f); 1, **BANNO STRAND** (J Murphy 11-8 fav); 2, **Shalako** (R Johnson 7-1); 3, **Mark Equal** (T Scudamore 20-1); 4, **Dantes Reel** (P A McCoy 14-1), 8/1, 6/1, 16 ran. M Poy, Wellington.

Tote: £2.50; pl £1.30, £2.00, £4.10, £3.10, exacta: £116.67, trifecta: £148.27, NR: Melford, Dix Villaz, Penthouse Minstrel, Thalys.

**3.50 (2m): 1, LEADING COUNTER** (R Johnson 15-8 fav); 2, **Tokala** (C M Studd 20-1); 3, **Midnight Gift** (Mr A FitzGerald 50-1), 1/4, 4/1, 19 ran. P Hobbs, Minehead.

Tote: £3.00; pl £1.50, £5.50, £11.50, exacta: £41.90, trifecta: not won, £49.26, NR: Unflinched.

**QUADRO: £35.90**  
**PLACED: £49.10**  
JACKPOT: not won, £45,707.75 carried over to Leicester.

**FONTWELL**  
12.40 (2m 4f): 1, **KIPFISGS** (A Thornton 25-1); 2, **Hibernian** (L Aspell 5-1); 3, **Jades Double** (R Lacey-Butler 66-1); **French Envoy** 13-8 fav 3/1, 12/1, 16 ran. Lady Herries, Littlehampton.

Tote: £38.30; pl £9.00, £2.60, £12.00, exacta: £496.50, csf: £143.01.

**1.15 (2m 2f): 1, ROYAL HECTOR** (B Fenton 5-1); 2, **Ballez** (Christian Williams 2-1 fav); 3, **Carthys Cross** (A Thornton 9-1), 5/1, 3/1, 9 ran. Jonjo O'Neill, Temple Guiding.

Tote: £5.50; pl £1.70, £1.40, £2.50, exacta: £19.70, csf: £15.58.

**1.45 (2m 4f): 1, ENGLISH JIM** (M Batchelor 50-1); 2, **Justino** (B Hitchcock 4-1); 3, **Wayneswood** (J Kingston 3-1 fav), 4/1, 12 ran. Miss A M Newton-Smith, Polegate.

Tote: £27.20; pl £6.80, £2.00, £1.90, exacta: £297.80, csf: £226.75.

**2.15 (2m 4f): 1, ALL IN THE STARS** (B Jacob 4-1); 2, **Classic Native** (B Fenton 11-4 f fav); 3, **Hazeljack** (James Davies 25-1); **Brave Spirit** 11-4 f fav 8/1, 6/1, 11 ran. D Keane, Shaftesbury.

Tote: £9.70; pl £2.50, £1.70, £4.90, exacta: £46.20, csf: £30.33, tricst: £33.34.

**2.55 (2m 2f): 1, CRITICAL STAGE** (C Honour 9-4 fav); 2, **Shaman** (J Moore 7-1); 3, **Outon Broad** (L Aspell 6-1), 5/1, 1/4, 11 ran. J Frost, Buckfastleigh.

Tote: £2.70; pl £1.50, £1.70, £2.50, exacta: £16.80, csf: £17.46.

**3.30 (2m 2f): 1, JULES BOY** (W McCarthy 5-1); 2, **Mystical Star** (L Aspell 11-4 fav); 3, **Wily Power** (O Nelmes 16-1), 6/1, 20/1, 11 ran. T George, Slad.

Tote: £6.00; pl £2.50, £1.90, £2.30, exacta: £34.80, csf: £20.05, tricst: £210.23.

**4.00 (2m 2f): 1, FESTIVE CHIMES** (O Nelmes 5-1); 2, **Javed** (P Stringer 25-1); 3, **Wenger** (P Hide 10-1); **Honey's Gift** 7-2 fav, 7/4, 8/1, 10 ran. N B King, Newmarket.

Tote: £5.70; pl £1.90, £5.70, £4.00, exacta: £120.90, csf: £14.62.

**5.00 (2m 2f): 1, SOLERINA** (G T Hutchinson 4-6 fav); 2, **Back In Front** (B J Geraghty 9-4); 3, **Prince Of Tara** (K B Bowen 25-1), 4/1, 7/1, 8 ran. J Rowe, IRELAND.

Tote: £1.50; pl 1.10, 1.60, 3.20, exacta: £3.20, csf: £2.74, NR: Royal Paradise.

**2.00 (2m): 1, O'MURIC-HEARTAIGH** (B J Geraghty 4-5 fav); 2, **Alpha Bowsal** (Andrew D McNamara 100-30); 3, **Up Above** (A E Lynch 8-1), 4/1, 3/4, 5 ran. E O'Grady, IRELAND.

Tote: £1.70; pl 1.10, 2.00, exacta: 3.30, csf: 4.47.

**2.30 (2m 7f): 1, ROMAHA** (B J Geraghty 4-1 fav); 2, **Django** (P Treacy 4-1); 3, **Zum See** (D O'Regan 6-1), 10/1, 1/4, 11 ran. A L Moore, IRELAND.

Tote: £1.30; pl 1.10, 2.60, 1.60, exacta: 5.40, csf: 4.43.

**4.00 (2m): 1, FREEMANTLE DOCTOR** (Mr R H Fowler 7-2 fav); 2, **Mollies Lad** (Mr P Fahy 5-1); 3, **Im A Witness** (R Kieley 33-1), 2/1, 3/1, 23 ran. J Fowler, IRELAND.

Tote: £4.00; pl 1.30, £1.40, 17.30, 4.60, exacta: £2.70.

**PLACED: £3.90**  
**JACKPOT: £284.60**

**SATURDAY NIGHT WOLVERHAMPTON**  
7.00 (7f): 1, **AFTER YOU** (Martin Dwyer 16-1); 2, **Well Guarded** (P Egan 6-1); 3, **Chasing A Dream** (Deon McKeown 22-1); **Finsbury** 9-4 fav 2/1, 2/1, 10 ran. B Hills, Lambourn.

Tote: £3.70; pl £2.90, £2.10, £3.60, exacta: £95.30, csf: £106.38, NR: Misterbianco, Star Crowned.

**8.00 (1m 1f): 1, ENTRANCED** (T Eaves 20-1); 2, **Green Lemon** (J Fortune 15-8 fav); 3, **Born Wild** (K Fallon 5-2), Hd, 7/4, 12 ran. Miss J A Camacho, Malton.

Tote: £18.70; pl £3.00, £5.53, £2.00, exacta: £30.30, csf: £54.53.

**9.00 (1m 1f): 1, GILDED COVE** (G Gibbons 6-1); 2, **After The Show** (C Catlin 16-1); 3, **Wicked Uncle** (J Fortune 6-1); **Divine Spirit** 4-1 fav, 7/2, 1/4, 12 ran. R Hollinshead, Upper Lambourn.

Tote: £6.60; pl £2.30, £4.00, £2.20, exacta: £84.60, csf: £88.80, tricst: £601.59, NR: General Feeling.

**9.00 (1m 1f): 1, BHOUDAN** (T Eaves 16-1); 2, **Stellite** (F Lynch 9-4); 3, **Sling Back** (Martin Dwyer 12-1); **Burhan** even fav, Hd, 1/4, 13 ran. I Semple, Carlisle.

Tote: £19.00; pl £3.80, £3.00, £2.60, exacta: £151.70, csf: £145.96, tricst: £117.31.

**9.30 (1m 1f): 1, DESERT LEADER** (Martin Dwyer 9-2); 2, **Khanjar** (K Fallon 7-2 fav); 3, **Easy Lighter** (K Fallon 4-1), 1/2, 1/2, 12 ran. W Brisbane, Nesscliffe.

Tote: £5.70; pl £2.60, £2.80, £1.90, exacta: £27.90, csf: £21.14, tricst: £71.00, NR: Young Rooney.

**QUADRO: £30.10**  
**PLACED: £243.30**



# HOUSE DOWNS FLYER

**CENTRAL HOUSE** produced a major upset by beating dual Queen Mother Champion Chase hero Moscow Flyer in the Fortria Chase at Navan yesterday.

The two had the race to themselves from the start and they jumped the final fence together. But Central House, trained by Dessie Hughes and ridden by amateur Roger Loughran, proved the stronger on the run in to come home three and a half

lengths clear of the 4-11 favourite. The two leaders appeared to stumble on the turn to the third-last fence but they quickly recovered.

Barry Geraghty asked Moscow Flyer to go past Central House two out in a bid to win this race for the third successive year.

However, the 11-year-old could not shake off his younger rival and he had nothing more to give after jumping the last, although

trainer Jessica Harrington was not downcast in defeat.

"I'm not disappointed, he needed the run," she said.

"We'll now be going for the Tingle Creek at Sandown on December 3."

Geraghty also felt Moscow Flyer needed the race.

"If it's going to happen any day, it's going to be on his first day back," he said. "He felt great all the way through and he jumped brilliant. I gave him a

blow at the second-last. If you give him a squeeze there he usually picks up and goes on again. He felt like he just needed it."

Solerina had little trouble in making all the running to win the Phillips Electronics Lismullen Hurdle for the second successive year.

Gary Hutchinson was able to dictate affairs on the 4-6 favourite, who came home four lengths clear of Back In Front with Prince Of Tara third.



**CLOSE CALL:** Central House, right, leads Moscow Flyer in the early stages

## LEICESTER: LIVE COMMENTARY ON 09055-141-601 (results 6 11)

### 12.50 LADBROKES.COM HANDICAP CHASE

Class E (18 fences) 2m7f/1 (9 runners) £4,866		
1	GETON (282)(G)	
2	M Pipe 5 11 12	T J Murphy
3	UMBRELLA MAN (12)(S)	
4	MISS E LAVELLE 9 11 10	J Crowley
5	ULTIMATE LIMIT (22)(D,F,G)	
6	A Ennis 5 11 6	P J Brennan
7	FOREST DANTE (285)(F,G,S)(P)	
8	F Kirby 12 11 3	K Johnson
9	MISS V WILLIAMS 9 11 2	A O'Keefe
10	SIR CUMFERENCE (29)(B,F,D4,F,G,S)(B)	
11	MISS V WILLIAMS 9 11 2	A O'Keefe
12	RUNAWAY BISHOP (11)(D,F,G,S)	
13	J Cornwell 10 11 2	A Pogson
14	BAIKALINE (23)(G)	
15	I Williams 6 11 0	R Thornton
16	CHANNARHIE (14)(CD,C,D,F,G,S)(P)	
17	R Dickinson 11 10 1	T J Malone
18	JAZZ DU FOREZ (72)(D,S)	
19	J Allen 8 10 0	A Scholes

Star Betting:— 4 Sir Cumference, 9-2 Ultimate Limit, 5 Baikaline, 11-2 Umbrella Man, 13-2 Channarhie, 7 Geton, 8 Runaway Bishop, 12 others.

2004: Radcliffe, 7-11-12, (S Thomas)(3), 6-5 fav Miss V Williams, 3 ran.

**STARFORM: UMBRELLA MAN Danger: Baikaline**

### 1.20 MARES' NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

Class E (11 flights) 2m4f/1 (11 runners) £4,148		
1	22323 SWEET OONA (22) Miss V Williams 6 11 12	P C O'Neill(5) #93
2	201 PIP ASSERTIVE WAY (22) A Carroll 4 11 10	Mr G Tunney(7)
3	433 ESPLINDIDOS (294)(D) Keane 6 11 6	T J Murphy
4	00330 ISHKA BABA (226) George 6 11 4	J M Maguire
5	25-02 THE WIFE'S SISTER (168) D McCan 4 11 3	S J Crane(5) 59
6	00300 NICE BABY (40)(V,T) M Pipe 4 11 2	G Supple 71
7	00000 HAZEL BANK LASS (683)(S) A Tunney 9 11 1	G Caran(3) —
8	2080-04 MILARIOUS (119) S J Taylor 5 10 10	J Goldstein 68
9	5F0211 SOVEREIGN GALE (575)(G) Miss T McCurich 11 10 7	O McPhail —
10	43300-3 RUDE HEALTH (27) N Hewie 5 10 6	P J Brennan 49
11	PP00-43 SEVENIGHTSIX (4)(V) D Wille 5 10 0	Mr R Cummings(7) 58

Star Betting:— 9-4 Sweet Oona, 5 Nice Baby, 6 Sevenightsix, 8 Ishka Baha, Hilarious, 10 The Wife's Sister, 12 Esplindidos, Sovereign Gale, 16 others.

2004: Farnie Isle, 5-11-12, (M Hannity)(3), 5-1 G Barker, 11 ran.

**STARFORM: ESPLINDIDOS Danger: Sweet Oona**

### 1.50 LADBROKES.COM SELLING HURDLE

Class G (9 flights) 2m (12 runners) £2,857		
1	0 BLUE MARINER (F151)(T) Jay 5 11 7	J P McNamara
2	624932 RIFLEMAN (8)(BF)(T) H Gray 5 11 7	A Thornton
3	0 ROAN RAIDER (9)(V) R C Guest 5 11 7	P C O'Neill(5) —
4	00000 ZABADOU (339) F Kirby 4 11 7	O McPhail —
5	560-0 VARUNI (22) P L Carter 4 11 0	K Johnson 42
6	0 DANKO KARIM (F7)(V) R Hodges 3 10 5	T Burrows(10)
7	0 JENNA STANNIS (F40) R M Beckett 3 10 0	Christian Williams
8	0 ZANDU (11) P Haslam 3 10 5	P Morrison(5)
9	0 LORNA DUNE (17)(P) J G O'Shea 3 10 0	T Doyle —
10	11 F403 STRATHTAY (20)(V) M Pipe 3 10 0	T J Malone(3) #72
11	42-0224 TIME FOR YOU (8) D Sady 3 10 0	W Marston 51
12	48-0224 LORNA DUNE (17)(P) J G O'Shea 3 10 0	T J Malone(3) #72

Star Betting:— 6-4 Strathay, 5-2 Rifleman, 4 Time For You, 10 Lorna Dune, 16 Zando, 20 St Barchan, 25 Blue Mariner, Varuni, 33 others.

2004: Figaro du Rocher, 4-11-13, (T Scudamore, 8-15 fav) M Pipe, 6 ran.

**STARFORM: STRATHTAY Danger: Rifleman**

### 2.20 LADBROKES.COM NOVICES' CHASE

Class D (12 fences) 2m (6 runners) £5,439		
1	2252-1 ALLUMEE (39)(D,F) P Hobbs 6 11 5	R Johnson —
2	302601 DETONATEUR (44)(G) Williams 7 11 5	Paul Moloney #88
3	633001 LORD LINGTON (14)(D,G,S) D Wille 5 11 5	W Marston —
4	1390-07 BLAISE WOOD (11)(D,G,T) Forbes 4 10 7	T Burrows(7)
5	P52-00 MOORLAW (32) D McCan 4 10 7	S J Crane(5) 85
6	11430 RHAPSODY ROSE (17)(D,G,S) P Wabber 4 10 0	T Doyle —

Star Betting:— 11-5 Detonateur, 7-4 Allumee, 6 Lord Lington, Rhapsody Rose, 25 Moorlaw, 33 Blaize Wood.

2004: Vista Verde, 6-11-10, (R Thornton, 7-1) A King, 8 ran.

**STARFORM: ALLUMEE Danger: Detonateur**

### 2.50 LADBROKES.COM HANDICAP HURDLE

Class D (9 flights) 2m (10 runners) £7,873		
1	24102/2 ZIMBABWE (579)(G)	
2	G L Moore 5 11 12	E Dehdashti (7) —
3	2160P-0 MOBASHER (236)(D2,S)	
4	DARYAL (244)(S)	
5	A King 4 11 10	R Thornton 88
6	PAPILLON DE IENA (146)(G)	
7	M Pipe 5 11 9	T J Malone (3) 69
8	CHARLTON KINGS (9)(D,F,G,S)	
9	R Hodges 11 7	R Johnson #100
10	HARRYCAT (F75)(D,F)(P)	
11	V Smith 4 11 1	Paul Moloney 90
12	JUST SUPERB (14)(D2,G,S)	
13	P A Pritchard 6 10 9	T Greenway (5) 96
14	GHADAMES (177)(CD,D,F,G,S)(P)	
15	R C Guest 11 10 9	P C O'Neill(5) —
16	HADITOWSKI (14)(D8,G,S)(V)	
17	J MacKie 9 10 8	F King (3) 94
18	KILLING ME SOFTLY (14)(CD,D,S)(V)	
19	J Gallagher 4 10 4	Christian Williams 96

Star Betting:— 5 Zimbabwe, 11-2 Harrycat, 13-2 Daryal, Just Superb, 7 Papillon de Iena, Ghadames, 8 Charlton Kings, 10 others.

2004: Forest Chief, 8-10-11, (T J Murphy, 9-2) E Williams, 8 ran.

**STARFORM: GHADAMES Danger: Harrycat**

### TONY LEWIS

12.50 UMBRELLA MAN	1.20 ESPLINDIDOS (nap)	1.50 STRATHTAY	2.20 ALLUMEE	2.50 GHADAMES	3.20 PRINCE ROSCOE	3.50 RIGHTS OF MAN
12.50 UMBRELLA MAN	1.20 ESPLINDIDOS (nap)	1.50 STRATHTAY	2.20 ALLUMEE	2.50 GHADAMES	3.20 PRINCE ROSCOE	3.50 RIGHTS OF MAN

Calls cost 60p per min from a BT landline

## FORM

### 12.50 race

UMBRELLA MAN looked as if he were about to give Mini Dare a race when looming up behind the leaders on the final circuit on his return after a 95-day absence. However, the lack of a recent outing took its toll but his 1312 at Huntingdon (3m, good/soft) was still a worthy effort and improvement can be expected. The yard has been in decent form and he may find Baikaline posing the main threat. She comes here on the back of two sound performances at Aintree behind Lonesome Man in June and a more recent 2nd to Nite Fox last month. Consistent Ultimate Limit is another to consider after success at Huntingdon (3m, good/firm) and then a 2nd to Lord Anner at Wincanton (2m2, good).

though a 4th hike for getting better seems harsh. Any money for Geton would be of interest while Sir Cumference hails from an in-form stable.

### 1.20 race

ESPLINDIDOS looks well treated on her handicap debut and the booking of Timmy Murphy also looks significant. She had Pennycroft Bay behind when 2nd to Inch Pride at Pontwell (2m4f, soft) and with that horse rated over 100, her mark of 90 today suggests she has an outstanding chance. The yard also opened their account for the season yesterday at Pontwell. Sweet Oona may give her most to think about. She has solid placed form but that is exactly her problem. She finds it difficult to win and has finished 2nd or 3rd in seven of her eight starts.

Haditowski, Sevenightsix has suggested she has a race of this calibre within her grasp but is out of the handicap this afternoon, though a fair amateur takes 7lb off her back. She has solid place claims again along with The Wife's Sister.

### 2.50 race

GHADAMES reverts back to hurdles on a rating 13lb lower than when scoring over fences at Stratford (2m, soft) back in May. He is the most exposed runner in the field but the yard is capable of getting them ready after a break and he has a useful conditional taking 5lb off his back. The class act is Zimbabwe but he has been off for 579 days and there must be a question mark over him. The market will probably be the best guide to his chance and any support would be significant. Perhaps, Harrycat will pose more of a problem. He has been out on the flat in August which followed a victory at Stratford (2m, good/firm) where he was able to dictate the pace and pinch a lead to defeat Derwenthall half a length with Darrins back in 2nd. The form has worked out well and he remains capable of better.

Haditowski is difficult to catch right but has the ability at this level.

## TRACKFACTS

Right-hand rectangular track of one mile six furlongs with a run-in of about ten fencibles and seven hurdles per circuit a stiff test for any horse.

### 3.20 PRIMA FLOOR HANDICAP CHASE

Class F (15 fences) 2m4f/1 (11 runners) £4,216		
1	24400- CAPTAINS TABLE (214)(G)	
2	F Jordan 12 11 12	T Doyle 90
3	HIERS DE BROUQUE (27)(D2,G,S)(P)	
4	J Portman 10 11 10	T J Murphy #104
5	JACDOR (11)(F,G,S)(V)	
6	R Dickinson 11 11 8	T J Malone (3) 59
7	MAGICO (16)	
8	R C Guest 7 11 7	P C O'Neill (5) 64
9	EAU PURE (44)(F,G,S)	
10	502424 KONKER (17)(G,S)	R Johnson 91
11	2165-6 J Cornwell 10 11 7	A Pogson (7) 57
12	4120-2 PRINCE ROSCOE (12)(BF,D,G,S)	
13	D Fitzgerald (19) 5 10 8	D N Russell —
14	6-4665 GET SMART (17)(G,S)	
15	F Murphy 8 10 7	P McDonald (7) 87
16	FIRST DE LA BRUNIE (237)	
17	A King 4 10 7	R Thornton —
18	TIRLEY STORM (24)(F,G)	
19	J S Smith 10 10 0	W Marston 98
20	TACITA (327)	
21	M McMillan 10 10 0	Mr M Wall (7) —

Star Betting:— 3 Prince Roscoe, 5 First De La Brunie, 11-2 Magicco, 6 Eau Pure, 8 Konker, Get Smart, 12 Captains Table, Tirley Storm, 14 others.

2004: Ulusaba, 8-11-6, (K Mercer)(5), 4-1 fav F Murphy, 6 ran.

**STARFORM: PRINCE ROSCOE Dgr: Heirs De Brouque**

### 3.50 LADBROKES.COM NOVICES' HURDLE

Class D (9 flights) 2m (22 runners) £5,023		
1	3661103 RIGHTS OF MAN (29)(D,G) D Fitzgerald (19) 6 11 10	D N Russell 89
2	2420-2 AMARULA RIDGE (244)(F) Hobbs 4 10 12	R Johnson #108
3	BURNING MOON (F52)(G) A Price 6 10 12	P J Brennan —
4	R41- CASTLE FROME (F27)(G) A Price 6 10 12	P Morrison(5) —
5	F CLASSIC LEASE (29) J MacKie 4 10 12	F King(3) —
6	DEVIOUS AVERS (16) J Bradley 4 10 12	S J Crane(5) —
7	6424P2- DHEEDAH (F23)(BF) Mrs P Sly 4 10 12	W Marston 92
8	FUTURE LEGEND (12) D Old 4 10 12	T Doyle 34
9	06 GUSTAVO (11) Mrs V Williams 4 10 12	A O'Keefe —
10	05 HOMELIFE (294) Mrs J Saunders 7 10 12	O McPhail 59
11	05 MAYYAS (388) C Beahy 5 10 12	J P McNamara —
12	MINIPREE (18) S J Smyth 5 10 12	G Caran(3) —
13	01-01 MAN RIVER (174) H Daily 5 10 12	Christian Williams —
14	04-04 NAJCA DE THAIX (185) Mrs L Wadhwa 4 10 12	A Thornton —
15	05 NOUS VOILA (F411) M Pipe 4 10 12	T J Murphy —
16	01-01 MAN RIVER (174) H Daily 5 10 12	M Brindburne —
17	0 PRAIRIE LAW (17) B Pollock 5 10 12	T Messenger(7) —
18	SANGIOVESE (F59) H Morrison 6 10 12	J Crowley —
19	0 SEVEN SHIRT (16) S Bowen 4 10 12	Paul Moloney —
20	0 TUESDAY CLUB (303) D Old 6 10 12	J M Maguire —
21	45- WINAPENNY (378) F Murphy 6 10 12	R McGrath 66
22	DESIRE (F128) John Berry 4 10 5	V Slattery —

Star Betting:— 2 Nous Voila, 5-2 Rights Of Man, 5 Amarula Ridge, 10 Dheedah, Sangiovese, 14 Winapenny, 16 Future Legend, Muntani, 20 others.

2004: My Way de Solzen, 4-10-12, (R Thornton, 10-3) A King, 16 ran.

**STARFORM: RIGHTS OF MAN Danger: Nous Voila**

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## **1.30 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES**

(7) 2YO 1m1103yds (13 run) £1,490

1	3	0	ALISTAR JOHN (7)(M) G Bales 9.0	J P Spencer	32
2	10	0	BEAUCHAMP UNITED (11) G A Butler	0	38
3	4	7	IS IT ME (49) P Bocking 9.0	S Drowne	32
4	7	0	2 MIGHTY KITCHENER (16) P Hovling	9.0	38

5	12	0	MR EXCEL (18) J A Osborne 9.0	J P Spencer	33
6	0	0	PUNJABI (16) Mrs G Rases 9.0	G Gibbons	33
7	13	0	ALOUETTE (11) Eustace 9.0	A Kirby(3)	33
8	9	0	BECKY'S DANCER (14) J Broomfield 8.9	B Swarbrick(3)	33

9	11	0	FAIRTALE OF YORK (4) Carol 8.9	C Gattin	10
10	0	0	FLYING PENNE (16) M Dorman 8.9	S Hinchott	10
11	6	0	LYNFORD LADY (16) P Dacey 8.9	L Kenley	10
12	11	0	50 PARTY BELLE (32) C Britan 8.9	W A Carson(7)	10
13	8	0	05600 RAMBLING SOCKS (32) S Boring 8.9	Paul Edworthy	41

Star Betting:— 2 Mighty Kitchener, 11-4 Mr Excel, 6 Beauchamp United, 7 Is It Me, 14 Flying Penne, 20 others.  
BEST DRAWN: Flying Penne (dr 5) & Mr Excel (dr 12) 14%.

2004: Gallantian, 9-0, (E Ahern, 2-1 fav) G A Butler, drawn (12), 12 ran.

## **S: MIGHTY KITCHENER Dr: Mr Excel**

## **2.00 BET DIRECT BANDED STKS (DIV 1)**

(7) 1m1103yds (13 runners) £1,437

1	8	0	SHOW ME THE LOLLY (6)(F) B Palling 9.5	R Kallan	45
2	1	0	00000-1 MAUD MAURICE (42)(G) B Curley 4.9	A Kirby(3)	32
3	2	0	025042 ROTUMA (26)(F,G,S) M Dorman 9.0	J P Spencer	24
4	11	0	066430 ADOBE (65)(CD,C,A,F) M Broomfield 10.2	D Nolan(3)	32

5	13	0	040000 MY BOO (87)(T) T Keady 3.9	G Baker	26
6	13	0	065023 PHOENIX EYE (21)(CD,A) M Mullineux 4.9	K Gurnow(4)	32
7	12	0	001060 WANNA SHOUT (126)(CD,C,A,F) R Dixon 7.9	Darren Williams	31

8	2	0	000002 ANABELLA (51) P Morris(PE) 3.9	A Kirby(3)	32
9	2	0	005300 GUADIANA (30) A Carroll 3.9	D Nolan(3)	32
10	0	0	005300 ZANTERO (17)(W) Broomfield 3.9	G Gibbons	35
11	10	0	200000 SUCCESSOR (30)(S) M Usher 5.0	BOUDEFUL	12
12	9	0	000040 YOUS SINCERELY (2) T Bocking 3.8	K Gurnow(4)	32

13	4	0	066212 SHEKAN STAR (23)(BF,G) K G Riddell 3.11	Paul Edworthy	32
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Star Betting:— 5-2 Maud Maurice, 9-2 Shekan Star, 6 Phoenix Eye, 7 Rotuma, 8 Show Me The Lolly, 16 others.  
BEST DRAWN: Guadiana (dr 5) & Wanana Shout (dr 12) 14%.

2004: Cumbrian Princess, 7-8-11, (R Thomas(3), 16-1) M Blanshard, drawn (3), 13 ran.

## **S: SHEKAN STAR Dr: Maud Maurice**

## **2.30 INTERACTIVE BANDED STAKES**

(7) 1m14f (12 runners) £1,420

1	2	0	002635 BOBERING (23) B Bugh 5.9	J Jemma Marshall(7)	23
2	12	0	002635 BRENNIE (41)(V) V Smith 4.9	D O'Neill	25
3	8	0	001592 BULBERRY HILL (23)(BF,D,A) R Hinchott	S Hinchott	32

4	4	0	006100 COURANT D'AIR (J188)(S) L Fotherston 4.9	D Nolan(3)	32
5	10	0	006406 DANGER BIRD (21)(C,A) J R Hinchott 5.9	N Fallow(7)	13
6	9	0	050300 ICE AND FIRE (30)(J) T Simpson 6.9	A Kirby(3)	32
7	6	0	005023 LUCIFER (30)(J) T Simpson 6.9	A Kirby(3)	32

8	1	0	004054 SUSIEDIL (21)(F) Nichele 4.9	S D Sousa(3)	18
9	3	0	300000 DANCING SHIRL (13)(C) Ruffin 3.9	D McKeown	32
10	11	0	000023 DEGREE OF HONOR (2) J Green 3.8	S Drowne	41
11	5	0	300006 EWAR FINCH (20) K Cunningham-Brown 3.9	N Charnock(3)	32
12	7	0	0006 MICKMACMAURICE (37)(BF) S O'Donnell 3.9	J P Spencer	32

Star Betting:— 3 Bulberr Hill, 11-2 Brennie, 7 Lucifer, 8 Susiedil, 9 Bobering, 16 others.  
BEST DRAWN: Ice and Fire (dr 9) 15%, Lucifer (dr 4) 10%.

2004: Bravely Does It, 4-9-5, (E Ahern, 7-2 fav) W Bristow, drawn (5), 12 ran.

## **STARFORM: BRENNIE Dgr: Bulberr Hill**

## **3.00 BET DIRECT BANDED STAKES**

Class 7 6f (13 runners) £1,471

1	9	0	000004 AUENTRAUM (21)(F) J McKeale 5.9	S Drowne	42
2	5	0	0040260 MUSICAL TOYAL (7)(F) G Goldie 4.9	T Eaves	45
3	2	0	000230 TAPPAI TOMMY (102)(BF) S Dowling 5.9	P Doo 31	32
4	10	0	000032 SHOLTO (27)(D,S) J O'Leary 7.9	J O'Leary	36
5	6	0	000025 BOLD MAGGIE (117) J Palling 3.9	R Kennemore(7)	31

6	12	0	025512 DESERTINA (9)(D2,A) R Whitaker 3.9	M Stainton(7)	31
7	3	0	000010 ANTNECESSARILY (20)(S,A,F) B Bockley 7.9	G Baker	42
8	13	0	100652 GOLD SPECTRUM (21)(D,F,G) B Bockley 7.9	G Baker	42

9	11	0	000210 LARGES (27)(D,A) P J Bolding 5.9	J B O'Reilly	39
10	1	0	000022 LEAH'S PRIDE (123) F Bolding 5.9	J B O'Reilly	39
11	1	0	500043 MAGIC AMOUR (21)(D,F,S) B Bockley 7.9	K Gurnow(4)	32
12	6	0	000000 MELAINA (28)(CD2,D,A,S) P J Bolding 5.9	K Gurnow(4)	32
13	7	0	002555 MALTASH (21)(F) T Miss G Kelloway 6.9	A Kirby(3)	34

Star Betting:— 5 Desertina, 6 Golden Spectrum, 10 Magic Amour, 7 Musical, 8 Sholto, 10 others.  
BEST DRAWN: Sholto (dr 10) 10%, Maltash (dr 7) & Melaine (dr 6) 10%.

2004: Glencairn Star, 3-9-5, (T Eaves(3), 20-1) J Goldie, drawn (1), 13 ran.

## **S: LEAH'S PRIDE Dr: Magic Amour**

## **NATIONAL HUNT AND ALL-WEATHER TABLES**

## **NH TRAINERS**

Wins	%	14 days	£won
M Pipe	61	16	945
P Hobbs	58	21	940
P Nicholls	43	23	945
Jonjo O'Neill	52	17	747
R C Guest	37	12	677
P Bowen	31	18	917
N Weston-Davies	27	18	438
S Smith	23	14	322
E Williams	32	16	913
G Moore	27	18	327
Miss V Williams	20	18	521
N Richards	24	24	312
I Williams	13	8	919

## **NH JOCKEYS**

Wins	%	14 days	£won
A McCoy	98	23	941
R Johnson	83	20	744
G Lee	52	14	648
T Murphy	42	19	1040
Christina Williams	38	15	926
A Dobbin	37	19	734
P J Brennan	33	16	432
A Thornton	26	12	733
R Thornton	26	10	428
R Whitham	25	28	212
J E Moore	25	19	122
C Llewellyn	23	12	125

## **TONY LEWIS**

1	30	0	MIGHTY KITCHENER	1.30 MR EXCEL
2	0	0	HAD MAURICE	2.00 SHOW ME THE LOLLY
3	30	0	BULBERRY HILL	2.30 SUSIEDIL
4	30	0	MAGIC AMOUR	3.00 MULTAHAB (nap)
5	30	0	LAUV (treble)	3.30 HUMILI
6	400	0	BOLD PHOENIX	4.00 LOUVE HEUREUSE
7	400	0	AWAASER	4.30 MY LILLI

ROTTWEILER: 1.30 Mighty Kitchener 2.00 Show Me The Lolly 2.30 Micklemaurice 3.00 Leah's Pride 3.30 Fulvio 4.00 Bold Phoenix 4.30 Awaaser.

## **GOING: Standard**

PLACEPOT: First six races.

## **THE RACES**

## **TRACKFACTS**

Left-hand oval flat all-weather Polytrack

just under a mile. There is a run-in of two furlongs.

Stalls turn 71 Outside, Remainder Inside.

## **3.30 BETDIRECT.CO.UK BANDED STAKES**

Class 7 7f (12 runners) £1,471

1	8	0	640052 FULVIO (49)(CD,C,D2,A) V P Hovling 5.9	R Kallan	36
2	7	0	000001 HUMILITY (21)(D,A) C Ozyer 4.9	L Kenley	30
3	12	0	000000 RAFTERS MUSIC (10)(CD,A,F,S) J Rother 10.5	R Palling	32

4	11	0	000000 LUCKY EMERALD (34)(F) B Palling 3.9	R Palling	32
5	12	0	000000 MYTTONS DREAM (6)(CD,A,F) R Bocking 4.9	G Gibbons	34
6	6	0	500 ORPEN QUEST (93) M J Atkin 3.9	C Gattin	48

7	10	0	000040 SIERRA (114) A Carroll 4.9	J P Spencer	37
8	10	0	000000 AWARING (37)(A,T) Dr J Naylor 5.9	G Gibbons	33
9	3	0	104636 GAYMAN BREEZE (21)(D3,A,F) B Bocking 5.9	P Makin	37

10	9	0	653002 COLLOSEUM (23)(CD,A,F) T Etherington 4.9	G Gibbons	33
11	11	0	200000 VIBE (9) R J Price 4.9	R Thomas(3)	13
12	4	0	350001 DANE'S ROCK (70)(A,F,P) M Saunders 3.9	P Makin	37

Star Betting:— 7-2 Colloseum, 5 Fulvio, Dane's Rock, 11-2 Humility, Gayman Breeze, 12 Rafters Music, 14 others.  
BEST DRAWN: Rafters Music (drawn 5) 11%, Humility (drawn 7) & Dane's Rock (drawn 4) 10%.

2004: Countrywide Girl, 5-9-1, (J Fanning, 10-1) A Berry, drawn (8), 12 ran.

## **STARFORM: COLLOSEUM Dgr: Fulvio**

## **4.00 WIN GAMES ON ITV1 BANDED STKS**

(7) 1m1103yds (13 runners) £1,433

1	7	0	110500 ANOTHER CON (98)(CD,C2,A) P Hovling 4.11	Lisa Jones	40
2	8	0	0602021 BOLD PHOENIX (32)(A) B Curley 4.9	Lisa Jones	40
3	10	0	021003 COOLFORE JADE (23)(CD,A,F) R Hines 5.11	C Gattin	19

4	12	0	000046 FLEET ANCHOR (21) Bocking 4.11	S Drowne	45
5	1	0	3100300 FORTUNES FAVOURITE (42)(CD,A,F) R Hines 5.11	Natalia Gernova(4)	20
6	10	0	000046 INSCAPABLE (49)(S) A Carroll 4.11	D O'Neill	27
7	6	0	025042 LOUVE HEUREUSE (12) S Maltash 4.9	J Millman(7)	28

8	4	0	004063 NOW LOOK AWAY (9)(P) E Maltash 4.11	J Millman(7)	28
9	10	0	000046 PEACE EMBLEM (37)(CD,A,F) J Unit 4.11	M C McCallin	19
10	12	0	02546 SCORCHIO (U49) S Maltash 4.11	D McCallin	19
11	3	0	300005 SINGLE TRACKER (38)(A,F) J Unit 4.11	A O'Neill	37
12	11	0	230000 SUCCESSOR (30)(S) T M Usher 5.11	D O'Neill	35

13	11	0	320000 TROPICAL SON (49)(A,F) D Shan 6.11	P Mathers(5)	15
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Star Betting:— 3 Bold Phoenix, 7 Fleet Anchor, 8 Fleet Anchor, Scorchio, 10 Coolfore Jade, 12 others.  
BEST DRAWN: Peace Emblem (dr 5) & Fleet Anchor (dr 12) 14%.

2004: Larad, 3-8-12, (E Ahern, 5-1) J S Moore, drawn (10), 12 ran.

## **S: BOLD PHOENIX Dr: Fleet Anchor**

## **4.30 BETDIRECT BANDED STKS (DIV 2)**

(7) 1m1103yds (13 runners) £1,437

1	3	0	220306 GALLAS (10)(V) G Chung 4.9	Dean Williams(7)	48
2	12	0	655003 SUPER KING (9) B Bockley 5.9	M Blanshard 4.9	42
3	4	0	000005 CAUTIOUSLY (30)(F) B Palling 3.9	P Cogswell	41

4	11	0	000030 HOLLYWOOD HENRY (49)(F) B Palling 3.9	P Cogswell	41
5	10	0	000100 BIG MYSTERY (91)(A) S C Williams 4.9	G Gibbons	34
6	7	0	001400 MAGARI (16)(G) W Broomfield 4.9	G Gibbons	34
7	10	0	230540 MY LILLI (83)(A) P Maltash 5.9	T P Quailly	39
8	7	0	001000 RIVER OF DIAMONDS (42)(G,S) R Hines 5.11	C Gattin	35

9	6	0	602000 SHOWTIME ANNIE (48)(C,A,F) P Bocking 4.9	J Fanning	32
10	10	0	000641 COCKNEY TAY (51)(F) P Morris(PE) 5.11	A Kirby(3)	32
11	12	0	4302 AWAASER (21) J A Osborne 3.9	K Fallon	42
12	0	0	000000 EDICT (21) C Down 3.9	Paul Edworthy	16
13	1	0	000000 TIGGERS TOUCH (35)(V) A Carroll 3.8	S Drowne	41

Star Betting:— 3 Cockney Tay, 4 Awaaser, 11-2 Hollywood Henry, 10 Magan, River of Diamonds (dr 5) & Super King (dr 12) 14%.

2004: See Division 1.

## **S'FORM: AWAASER Dgr: Cockney Tay**

## **FLAT AW TRAINERS**

Wins	%	14 days	£won
W Higgins	3	50	316
J Sample	4	31	419
C Wall	1	50	102
T Eastbury	1	100	171
J Hills	2	100	202
B Hills	1	9	111
D Elworthy	2	67	207
Pear Grayson	2	67	207
D Ivory	1	17	166
R Hollinhead	2	25	28
J Pearson	1	25	14
J Poulton	1	33	103

## **FLAT AW JOCKEYS**

E. Aves	4	31	4/13	+40
J. Egan	4	16	4/25	-11
G. Gibbons	3	27	3/11	+11
R. FitzPatrick	3	23	3/13	+15
A. Kirby	3	16	3/19	+2
M. Dwyer	3	14	3/22	+6
J. Fortune	3	13	3/24	-9
P. Morgan	2	33	2/6	+41
J. Quinn	2	12	2/17	+14
R. Hills	1	100	1/1	+4
E. Stack	1	50	1/2	+3
S. Donohoe	1	50	1/2	+3
R. Keogh	1	33	1/3	+2



# LINGO

**TRAINER** Jonjo O'Neill served notice that his horses are over whatever ailed them last season with a Cheltenham double yesterday highlighted by the starring performance of Lingo in the Greatwood Handicap Hurdle.

O'Neill and his landlady JP McManus were all smiles in the winner's enclosure after Lingo, making his first appearance on a racecourse for 680 days, ran out an impressive winner.

The 5-1 shot, one punter had £100,000 each-way, came smoothly through to lead between the last two flights.

He kept on strongly up the hill to win by three and a half lengths from Tramantano, with Phar Bleu in third and Adamant Approach fourth.

McCoy said: "It's a brilliant training performance. We've done a lot of schooling with him at home as he hasn't had much experience. I think the boss (McManus) deserved it."

Tote slashed Lingo from 25-1

■ **by CHARLES BELL**

to 12s for the Champion Hurdle. The stable's double had been initiated when Black Jack Ketchum maintained his unbeaten record when marking himself out as a rising star in the Gideon Kasler Novices' Hurdle.

A year on from Accordion Ettoile taking the Greatwood, he emerged as clear favourite for the two-mile novices' crown after getting up close home to deny Tamarinbleu in the Independent Newspaper Novices' Chase.

"He is a classy horse and I think there is plenty of improvement to come," said winning trainer Paul Nolan.

Cashmans are best-priced about the winner's prospects in next March's Arkle Trophy, offering 7-1.



ON-SONG: Lingo clears the last at Cheltenham yesterday

## PUNTER POINTERS

### BIGGEST EARNERS

FOLKESTONE	Avitta	3.10	£45,321
LEICESTER	Hadilovski	2.50	£37,450
WHAMPTON	Adobe	2.00	£39,140

### FAB FOR FAVS

4 favourites have won the 1.10 at Folkestone in the last 10 years.  
6 favourites have won the 12.50 at Leicester in the last 10 years.  
1 favourite has won the 1.30 and 2.30 at Wolverhampton in the last 10 years.

### NEW QUARTERS

HORSES having their first runs for new trainers

**FOLKESTONE:** 12.40 Lord of Adventure (W Muir to Mrs L Jewell), Sasso (B Hills to Jonjo O'Neill), Suglitan (C Dwyer to N B King), Lucy Davril (C Goudan (Fr) to Miss Fenny Bridges), Rathcannon Beauty (J Burns (Ir) to Mrs L Baker), 1.10 Ebony Jack (Mrs Tracey Barfoot-Saunders to C L Tizzard), 2.10 Fantasmic (O Sherwood to Miss J R Gibney), 3.40 Golden Crew (J A Gaskie to Miss S Smith).

**LEICESTER:** 1.20 Hazel Bank Lass (J Cosgrave (Ir) to A Turrell), Sovereign Galt (Mrs H Dalton to Miss T McCormick), 1.50 Riflemen (P Bowen to R Gray), 3.50 Nafca De Thaix (G Cherel (Fr) to Mrs L Wadhwa), Nous Voila (G Cherel (Fr) to M Pipe), Winapenny (T Eastley to F Murphy).

**WOLVERHAMPTON:** 1.30 Flying Pennie (G L Moore to M Channon), 2.30 Zantera (R P Elliot to W Brisbourne), 3.30 Dane's Rock (Mrs H Sweeting to M Saunders), 4.00 Scorchio (M Harris to B Smart), 4.30 Big Mystery (J R Best to S C Williams), Cocker Tail (P Morris to P Morris (Ir)).

### DROP IN CLASS

LEICESTER: 1.50 Strathay down 2, 3.20 Magico down 2.

### ONE TO SWERVE

RIFLEMAN (1.50, Leicester) has the form to win this and is best in on official figures but refuses to put his head in front and one to be wary of.

### HANDICAP BLOT

GHADAMES (2.50, Leicester) reverts back to hurdles on a rating 13lb lower than his fencing mark and also falls from a stable in a rich win of form.

### MAGIC COMBINATIONS

A Tinkler rides Major Miller (3.40) for N J Henderson, previous combination 3 wins from 5 mounts 60% strike rate at Folkestone.

S Thomas rides Lorient Express (2.10) and Avitta (3.10) for Miss V Williams, previous combination 3 wins from 9 mounts 33% strike rate at Folkestone.

L Aspell rides Leith Hill Star (2.40) for R Rowe, previous combination 4 wins from 12 mounts 33% strike rate at Folkestone.

J Morgan rides Top Dog (3.40) for L Wells, previous combination 3 wins from 11 mounts 27% strike rate at Folkestone.

J E Moore rides Sole Agent (12.40), Idris (1.40) and D Technology (2.10) for G L Moore, previous combination 4 wins from 19 mounts 21% strike rate at Folkestone.

N Fehly rides Floreana (2.40) for C J Mann, previous combination 3 wins from 19 mounts 16% strike rate at Folkestone.

P Hide rides Islettovercrafter (12.40), Wayward Melody (1.10) & Master T (2.10) for G L Moore, previous combination 3 wins from 26 mounts 12% strike rate at Folkestone.

B Fenton rides Alpha Gamble (1.40) and Adelphi Theatre (3.10) for R Rowe, previous combination 7 wins from 57 mounts 12% strike rate at Folkestone.

R Thornton rides Daryl (2.50) & First De La Brunie (3.20) for A King, 4 from 16 25% at Folkestone.

R Kennemore rides Bold Magico (3.00) for J A Pickering, 3 from 8 38% at Wolverhampton.

A Kirby rides Multahab (3.00) for Miss Gay Kelleway, 3 from 17 18% at Wolverhampton.

J Fanning rides Showtime Annie (4.30) for A Bailey, 3 from 18 17% at Wolverhampton.

C Catlin rides Myton's Dream (3.30) for R Brotherton, 4 from 26 15% at Wolverhampton.

P Doe rides Talpan Tommy (3.00) for S Dow, 3 from 23 13% at Wolverhampton.

Wolverhampton: 1.30 Flying Pennie (G L Moore to M Channon), 2.30 Zantera (R P Elliot to W Brisbourne), 3.30 Dane's Rock (Mrs H Sweeting to M Saunders), 4.00 Scorchio (M Harris to B Smart), 4.30 Big Mystery (J R Best to S C Williams), Cocker Tail (P Morris to P Morris (Ir)).

### LONGEST TRAVELLER

Horse (time & course) Distance  
Chancers Dante (1.10 Fol) 301 miles  
Nobodys Perfect (2.40 Fol) 301 miles  
Musical (3.00 Wol) 285 miles  
Elfik (2.40 Fol) 220 miles  
Lorient Express (2.10 Fol) 207 miles  
Japon Vert (3.10 Fol) 207 miles  
Dusty Dane (12.40 Fol) 184 miles  
Ebony Jack (3.10 Fol) 184 miles  
Pass Me A Dime (3.40 Fol) 184 miles  
Triggernometry (2.10 Fol) 177 miles  
Inaro (1.40 Fol) 177 miles  
Milanite (3.10 Fol) 177 miles  
Lone Rider (3.40 Fol) 177 miles  
Geton (12.50 Les) 176 miles  
Nice Baby (1.20 Les) 176 miles  
Strathtay (1.50 Les) 175 miles  
Papillon de Iena (2.50 Les) 175 miles  
Nou Voila (3.50 Les) 175 miles  
Shkan Star (2.00 Wol) 175 miles  
Rude Health (1.20 Wol) 170 miles  
Shkan Star (1.50 Les) 170 miles  
Ghadames (2.50 Les) 170 miles  
Magico (3.20 Les) 170 miles  
Femme Davril (12.40 Fol) 167 miles  
There Is No Doubt (1.40 Fol) 167 miles  
Humility (2.20 Les) 166 miles  
Edict (3.50 Les) 166 miles  
Get Smart (3.20 Les) 159 miles  
Winapenny (3.50 Les) 159 miles  
Rutana (2.00 Wol) 155 miles  
Castle Frome (1.10 Les) 155 miles  
Hill Forts Henry (3.10 Les) 155 miles  
Zimbabwe (2.50 Les) 152 miles  
Eau Pure (3.20 Les) 152 miles  
Darko Karim (1.50 Les) 151 miles  
Fortunes Favourite (2.50 Les) 151 miles  
Rifleman (4.00 Wol) 149 miles  
Louve Heuresse (4.00 Wol) 149 miles  
Edict (4.30 Wol) 149 miles  
Kobal (3.40 Fol) 147 miles  
Riflemen (1.50 Les) 146 miles  
Lingback (3.30 Wol) 145 miles  
Super King (4.30 Wol) 145 miles  
Suesidil (2.30 Wol) 142 miles  
Scorchio (12.50 Les) 140 miles  
Forest Dane (1.50 Les) 140 miles  
Zabado (2.30 Wol) 140 miles  
Dancing Shirt (1.50 Les) 139 miles  
Zando (1.30 Wol) 138 miles  
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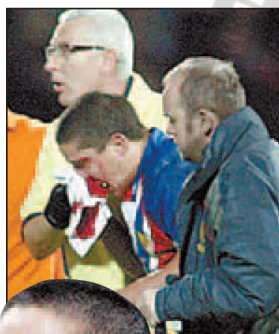
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# RUGBY LEAGUE: Deacon injury hell



# LIONS ARE SPITTING BLOOD



**AGONY:** Paul Deacon is carried off (above) with a smashed face after grabbing a try against the Kiwis

**SKIPPER** Jamie Peacock revealed the full horror of the injury to team-mate Paul Deacon after the battle-scarred Lions routed New Zealand to dramatically revive their hopes of reaching the Tri-Nations final.

Scrum-half Deacon had his face smashed in a tackle by Kiwi stand-off Nigel Vagana and is out of next Saturday's cliffhanger at Hull, where victory over holders and world champions Australia by at least three points would put Britain through to the final.

However, the Bradford star's nose is badly broken and there is major damage to the cheekbone. "It was one of the worst injuries I've ever seen, and the team doctor told us that it could have been life-threatening," said Peacock.

by **MARTIN RICHARDS**

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## Report

"It was a nasty thing and it didn't come off normal play."

"I'm not a big fan of that sort of stuff but I can't say too much. We will let the judiciary handle it."

Vagana was put on report for the incident which will be viewed on video by a disciplinary panel this afternoon.

"You don't like to see a player hurt like that and I hope he's all right but, unfortunately, we are not playing netball," said Vagana.

"It's a contact sport and these things happen but there was certainly no intent. It's going to be a long 48 hours for me."

**Second-rower Paul Johnson said:** "The injury was really bad. Paul's face was broken and could have gone inwards."

"He had been playing really well, answering his

critics. He is a friend and I hope it's all right. It's not what you want to see in a game."

Deacon is known as 'Baby Face' to the Bradford fans, and Lions and Bulls coach Brian Noble said: "He's in pretty bad shape."

"I had a commitment to his mum that his face wouldn't get changed, so that was the only disappointing element for me. "He had proved a lot of people wrong and his kicking game was excellent."

Britain, with man of the match Stuart Fielden again showing why he is the best prop in the world, dominated in defence and attack, with Chev Walker and Leon Pryce having their best games for the Lions.

Peacock added: "The first half was the best 40 minutes I've had in a Great Britain shirt."

"It's a big ask next week but we've beaten Australia before. We've



**HERO:** Brian Carney goes over

come back superbly in this tournament after so many people have written us off.

"The second half was a bit scrappy but we are back in it with a big shout."

## Tweaked

Britain also have injury doubts over two-try winger Brian Carney, who tweaked a hamstring after burying the nightmare of his error-plagued show against the Kiwis a fortnight ago, and full

back Paul Wellens, who damaged a knee.

Carney has the best chance of playing at Hull.

**Wellens commented:** "I picked up the ball and took a whack on the knee and felt something give a little."

"We will have to see how it responds to treatment but I am still hopeful of playing."

"It was a brilliant performance by the guys."

Noble added: "We have improved on last week."

"We were very deter-

mined and showed some good football and a bit of pace."

"It was down to a lot of hard work by the players."

"Points weren't the issue for us. We went out to win. Now we have just got to win next week."

## Final

A victory by between three and eight points would see them play Australia - but winning by nine or more would bring New Zealand back for the final.

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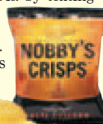
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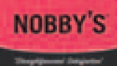
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4. Chelsea and Ghana midfielder (6)
5. Men's 1500 metres world champion in 1983 (4)
6. .... Cars, American motor racing series (4)
7. Newcastle United and England midfielder (6)
8. Angel ...., motorcyclist who won 13 world championships (5)
9. Venue of the San Marino Grand Prix (5)
10. Aston Villa and Denmark goalkeeper (8)

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1. The ...., nickname of Celtic (5)
2. Venue of the 2000 Olympic Games (6)
3. Football League Division Two club (4)
4. .... Road, home of Colchester United (5)
5. .... Ballesteros, famous Spanish golfer (9)
6. Robert Croft's cricket county (9)
7. Hywel ...., Grand National winning jockey in 1985 (6)
8. .... Forlan, Uruguay striker (5)
9. Aston Villa, Arsenal, Leicester City and England defender (5)
10. Maurice ...., former WBC light-middweight champion (4)



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1. Which Rangers player scored in 10 consecutive Premier League matches in the 1997-98 season?
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## RUGBY UNION: Happy Hodgson



**ON THE MARK:** England's Mark Cueto salutes the fans after his late try



**ON TARGET:** Stylish Charlie Hodgson had one of his best games for England

## England's

**ENGLAND put one foot firmly back on the ladder to world domination with a bruising win over the Australians.**

It was a performance of size and power as England's pack rode roughshod over the Aussie forwards for a commanding victory.

And for one of the first times in living memory England not only beat the old enemy but bullied them around the Twickenham turf in a real exhibition of strength.

As if losing the Ashes wasn't enough torment for the Aussies, England prop Andrew Sheridan and his front row buddies piled on the misery in a simply awesome display of forward thinking.

England were in control at every scrum and line-out, and the only surprise was that the victory margin wasn't wider.

### Tank

Big Ben Cohen and Mark Cueto were the two England try scorers, one in each half, proving that there was more in the tank than just forward power.

And although he left the field with a groin injury midway through the second-half, Charlie Hodgson was a marvel at fly-half, pulling the strings with effortless mastery.

Hodgson said: "I think

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today was the evidence of the ease I now feel in the England side, and it was probably one of my best games.

"The more time you spend and play within a squad the happier you become and the more opportunity I get to play for England the better things will get.

"I'm playing some of my best rugby at the moment, but it is a team effort that gets results and you could see that everyone was doing their bit, especially the forwards. The for-



# leads the way

# as Aussies are bushwhacked

**TIME IS RIGHT FOR BIG BEN:** Twickenham erupts as Ben Cohen goes over for a try to delight under-fire coach Andy Robinson (far right)



## All Blacks on power surge

by IAIN STEWART

MALCOLM O'Kelly has warned England to beware of All Black power after the tourists steamrollered Ireland.

The British and Irish Lions second row admitted the All Blacks juggernaut reduced Ireland to playing for pride even before half time.

And O'Kelly expects the All Blacks to be world champions after cruising to a crushing 45-7 win at Lansdowne Road with an experimental side.

### Score

"We didn't get any possession early on and they were soon 20 points up before we had any opportunity," said O'Kelly.

"When they're that far ahead they can play glamorous rugby and when that happens we're in trouble.

"By half-time it was all over. We stood up in the second half and started

pushing things and eventually the try came from Marcus Horan."

All five Kiwi tries came from backs - wingers Sitiveni Sivivatu and Doug Howlett crossed twice and scrum-half Piri Weepu added a fifth.

In an ominous warning to England, O'Kelly added: "New Zealand were bigger and more physical than we were.

"They're used to breaking tackles and then giving off passes. But they're not just stronger. Every one of their players is dangerous and can score tries from anywhere so we were chasing shadows at times.

"They used a mixture of first and second-string players but still gave us a serious lesson.

"They're a young side but they're looking good for the World Cup."

## bully boys send warning to Kiwis

wards were just awesome out there. That is where games are won and lost and I thought the pack were magnificent.

"I play with Sheri week in week out at Sale and I've seen him do that to opposition front rows before, but it's great watching him do it for England." Luckily for England, Hodgson should be fit in time for New Zealand next Saturday and he will be keen to build on the platform they've now set.

### Running

Australia were poor up front, but still showed glimpses of what they could do with full-back Chris Latham and their try scorer Drew Mitchell full of running.

England know they still have to improve if they are to stop the Kiwi juggernaut from racking up a third successive win on tour.

With the forwards in rude health and confidence

among the squad sky high, captain Martin Corry is expecting a cracker. He said: "New Zealand will be another step up and a whole different challenge.

"We're not taking it lightly but we'll sort that out on Monday. You have to look at their results and you know they are a great side. But are they beatable? Yes.

"We want to be ruthless when it comes to playing at Twickenham, and now we've ticked Australia off we have to concentrate on New Zealand and the challenge they pose."

**England coach Andy Robinson insists he is unaffected by the criticism heaped on him since succeeding Sir Clive Woodward.**

Robinson is adamant he will simply get on with his job and told BBC Radio Five: "You have got to accept that - it's part of being in the job.

"No, I don't feel under pressure. I've got to be

truthful to myself and to the team and the management and the coaches. And if we are true to ourselves, then I believe England can move forward.

"This is about the players. It's not about me. I was pleased it was a big win for England, the country as a whole, and, most importantly, the players.

"I love the role I do and I'm thoroughly enjoying it, but the game is about the players.

### Excited

"I didn't go in there feeling any pressure, I went in there excited about how England were going to perform, and I thought in patches we were superb.

"Games of rugby are not won by coaches; games of rugby are won by the players on the pitch.

"The game was won because of the power of the front five and the superb execution of our backs to finish off two tries."

by DEAN WILSON

ENGLAND boss Andy Robinson has called on the International Rugby Board to change the laws of the game to stop scrums from becoming uncontested.

Australia struggled to deal with England's scrum all game and it finally told with 15 minutes to go when an injury and a yellow card to their two props left them unable to compete.

Referee Joel Jutge had no option but to revert to uncontested scrums, giving the Aussies a break from the mauling they were getting from Andy Sheridan and Phil Vickery.

### Safety

Robinson understands the need for safety first, but he is also keen to see the laws develop to recognise the importance of the scrum.

Robinson said: "The need to have more front row forwards on the bench is something we will have to look at.

"At present the laws are as they stand and we must work within that.

"But if you have eight players on the bench with three front row forwards

## Robbo wants switch in law

then that's another thing that could be looked at, it could have been a serious impediment to us if the scrums had become uncontested earlier.

"It is important it is looked at by the IRB, but it needs to be a proper discussion about the importance of the scrum.

"What we mustn't do is take away the scrum.

"Over the last five years scrummaging has gone out of fashion in the way that the games have been refereed.

"Scrummaging is an integral part of the game and we must never take away the value of the scrum.

"Therefore the laws have to be looked at to make sure we keep moving forward."

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## British best tames Tiger

by PETER LAING

DAVID HOWELL beat world No.1 Tiger Woods to become Britain's best golfer.

Howell, described by Woods as a 'cool dude', climbed to 13th in the world after his win over Woods in Shanghai.

The 30-year-old from Swindon went head to head with Woods to land the HSBC Champions tournament by three strokes.

Howell, round in 68 for a 20-under-par total of 268, moves up from 19th.

### Plans

He is now above fellow Englishman Luke Donald, Ireland's Padraig Harrington and Scot Colin Montgomerie.

After this event, he sits third in the Ryder Cup standings behind Sergio Garcia and Montgomerie and he can now start making plans for a second cap against the Americans next September.

Howell said: "I was like



HOWELL: Smacker

a swan – all serene at the top, but paddling like hell underneath."

And he told Woods, who had scored 70: "We are all honoured to have a chance to beat you."

Meanwhile, Woods congratulated Darren Clarke on his first win of 2005 after the Ulsterman retained his Taiheiyo Masters title in Japan.

Clarke's wife Heather has been suffering with cancer and Woods said: "To go through that with the person who's closest to you is so hard."

"I can't begin to imagine the things Darren has to deal with."

## Aussie star dies

by PETER OAKES

KING'S LYNN speedway star Ashley Jones has been killed in a track crash in his native Australia.

Jones, 24, suffered fatal head injuries while racing in an inter-state match for Victoria against New South Wales at Myrtleford Showground on Saturday night.

He was a member of the King's Lynn side that won both the Knockout Cup and Young Shield play-offs last season and was having his first races since returning home to Australia earlier this month.

Lynn co-promoter Keith Chapman said: "Our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends."

FORMER F1 world champion Nigel Mansell won the first 16-car GP Masters race in South Africa following a terrific battle with old Brazilian rival Emerson Fittipaldi at Kyalami yesterday. Mansell's former Williams F1 teammate Ricardo Patrese was third ahead of fellow Italian Andrea De Cesaris, with Britain's Derek Warwick fifth.

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# ENGLAND'S



TONDERFUL: Trescothick celebrates his century

## Bell answers the call with vital knock

IAN BELL went from zero to hero in the course of a single day's Test cricket yesterday.

Bell, who finished England's glorious Ashes summer with a pair at The Oval, admitted he expected to be a spectator as England began their Test series in Pakistan.

The Warwickshire batsman followed below-par Ashes form with a wretched start to the Pakistan tour.

He even managed to get himself bowled by the team doctor in one confidence-shattering net session.

### Work

Bell avoided the axe only because of Michael Vaughan's knee injury.

But it all came right for him yesterday when he stepped into Vaughan's No.3 role to make 71.

"To be bowled by the doc isn't the most pleasant of feelings and I've been scratching around a little bit," said Bell.

"It's been hard work, character-building."

Bell expected the Test axe after being left out of England's final warm-up match against Pakistan A.

"Of course, it was disappointing to think I wasn't going to be in the team," he added.

"But, in a way, sometimes it is not a bad position to be in. There

by RODNEY WHITE

was no pressure on me – I just had to go out there and play. "I could just relax and think: 'whatever happens happens'."

The 23-year-old recovered from a nightmare run of six runs in his last four Test innings to feature in a second-wicket stand of 180 with deputy captain Marcus Trescothick.

"Marcus really helped me, he was always talking to me," added Bell.

"It helped me to be out there with someone so experienced. "I was disappointed with the summer."

"I still back myself to be a good player and I wanted to prove to people that I can play at this level. I want to do it for a long time, too."

### Call

"It was obviously a big one for me with Vaughan's injury – and it's nice for me to get the confidence back."

Bell finally fell to a bat-pad catch by Shoaib Malik.

Earlier he had been reprieved on 62 by a correct no-ball call from umpire Billy Bowden when Shoaib Akhtar bamboozled him with a slower ball.



BAT'S THE WAY: Tresco hits out as he closes in on his 13th Test century



## as tourists take control of Test

BATTING  
TRESUREfrom RODNEY WHITE  
in Multan

MARCUS TRES-COTCHICK put England in command against Pakistan with his 13th Test century as Michael Vaughan's absence brought a silver lining for Duncan Fletcher.

Deputy skipper Trescothick showed the responsibility of leadership is no problem with an unbeaten 135 and, thanks to his partnership with Ian Bell, England are in the driving seat.

Coach Fletcher planned to axe Bell after his Ashes series flops but the Warwickshire batsman not only won a reprieve but moved up to fill Vaughan's berth at No.3 and cracked 71 vital runs.

## Threat

Trescothick and Bell added 180 for the second wicket to lay the foundations for England to finish the second day on 253-3, just 21 behind Pakistan and with big-hitters Kevin Pietersen and Andrew Flintoff to come.

Tresco and Bell came together after the early loss of Andrew Strauss, first seeing off the new-ball threat of Shoaib Akhtar and then meeting the challenge of Danish Kaneria's leg spin.

Bell - who has had a nightmare run of six runs in his last four Test innings - grabbed the chance presented to him by Vaughan's knee trouble.

Trescothick had lost Bell by the time he reached three figures from 164 balls, having hit 13 fours and one six with sensible shot selection on a docile pitch requiring patience from batsmen but offering no assistance to bowlers.

Bell hardly looked a man under threat with a hard-working but confident innings which had just begun to lose momentum when he was finally shifted by off-spinner Shoaib Malik.

## Anxious

He had been reprieved on 62 by a no-ball call from umpire Billy Bowden - fast bowler Shoaib surprising the batsman with a slower, full-length off-break which sneaked between his pads to hit middle-stump.

When Bell went soon afterwards - caught bat and pad off Malik - there was again a suspicion of a no-ball.

Trescothick also had one anxious moment on 94, although it was barely a half-chance to Kamran Akmal as a Malik off-break took the outside edge but gained no height and hit the wicket-keeper's pad just below his gloves.

Mohammad Sami made the early breakthrough for Pakistan with the wicket of Strauss in only



THE NICK OF TIME: Bell sweeps on the way to his 71



IN 'N OUT: Flintoff has Inzamam-ul-Haq caught by Strauss

the fourth over. Strauss hit Sami for two boundaries in three balls then the pace bowler got one through his back-foot defence to win a clear lbw verdict.

At 18-1, England needed to show some stability to make Pakistan pay for squandering favourable batting conditions on the first day.

Trescothick and Bell did not let their team down, each keeping their concentration in oppressive heat and missing few

obvious scoring chances when Pakistan were off target. The late dismissal of Paul Collingwood, edging one behind when Shabbir Ahmed got the ball to leave him off the pitch, just took the edge off the tourists' day.

## Vital

England had earlier made short work of finishing off the Pakistan innings, taking 11 overs to grab the last four wickets. Matthew Hoggard and Andrew Flintoff made

## SCOREBOARD

Overnight: Pakistan 244-6 (Salmam Butt 74).

Pakistan 1st Inns cont	
Inzamam c Strauss b Flintoff	53
Sami c G O Jones b Hoggard	1
Akhtar not out	10
Ahmed b Flintoff	0
Kaneria c Giles b Harrison	6
Extras b lb7 nb11	19
Total (98.2 overs)	274
Falls: 1-80 2-161 3-195 4-181 5-183	
6-238 7-244 8-260 9-260	
Bowling: Hoggard 22-4-55-2	
Harrison 16-5-37-3 Flintoff 23-6-88-4	
Collingwood 4-1-15-0, Giles 16-3-44-0	
Udal 17-3-47-1.	

England 1st Inns	
Trescothick not out	135
Strauss lbw b Mohammad Sami	9
Bell c Salmam Butt b Shoaib Malik	71
Collingwood c Kamran Akmal b Shabbir Ahmed	10
Hoggard not out	0
Extras b lb6 nb14	28
Total 3 wks (68 overs)	253
Falls: 1-18 2-198 3-251	
To Bat: K P Pietersen, A Flintoff, G O Jones, A F Giles, S D Udal, S J Harrison	
Bowling: Shoaib Akhtar 15-2-48-0, Mohammad Sami 10-1-49-1, Shabbir Ahmed 13-3-32-1, Danish Kaneria 16-2-60-0, Shoaib Malik 14-1-50-1.	

good use of the second new ball to see off the hosts. The vital scalp of captain Inzamam-ul-Haq (53), who completed his half-century in only 90 balls, went to Andrew Flintoff (4-69).

He had Inzamam neatly caught by Strauss at second slip.

Number 11 Kaneria cut Stephen Harrison's second ball to gully to complete a Pakistan collapse with the last nine home wickets falling for 113 runs.

## Information Station

## FOOTBALL

## Coca-Cola League One

Blackpool (3)	5	Scunthorpe (2)	2
Murphy 18, 84		Sharp 3, 35 pen	
Morris 42, 89			

Wright 45

Sent off: A Crosby (Scunthorpe) 20

Oldham (0) 0 | Doncaster (0) | 1 |

McIndoe 78 pen  |  |  |

Att: 5,800

Coca-Cola League Two

Stockport (1)	1	Barnet (1)	1
Hanshaw 15		Nwelle 18	
		Att: 6,056	

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## GOLF

## HSBC Champions Tournament

(Sheehan International, Shanghai, China) - leading final totals (GB and Iri unless stated, par 72): 268 D

Howell 68, 271 T Woods (USA) 70,

274 N Dougherty 69, N O'Hanlon (Aus)

73, 275 V Singh (Fij) 69, T Bjorn (Den)

70, 276 P Casey 68, 277 J-F Remesy

(Fra) 70, T Wirachant (Tha) 73, 278

M Campbell (Nz) 73, 279 P Lawrie

69, 280 L Westwood 80, A Atwal (Ind)

68, KJ Choi (Kor) 70, 281 P

Harrington 68, S Webster 68, T

Jaidee (Tha) 68, P O'Malley (Aus) 72,

282 P Broadhurst 68, J Bickerton 70,

S Bowditch (Aus) 71, R-J Dersken

(Nld) 73, I Poulter 73, P Hanson

(Swe) 73, 283 N Fasth (Swe) 70, T

Aiken (Rsa) 70, P Marksang (Tha)

68, R Sterne (Rsa) 67, R Jacquelin

(Fra) 71, K Ferrie 74, Z Lian-Wei

(Chn) 75.

Mitsui Sumitomo VISA Taiheyo

Masters (Taiheyo Golf Club, Shi-

zuka, Japan) - leading final

totals (Jpn unless stated, par 72): 270

D Clarke (Nir) 68, 272 M Tetsayama 67,

274 H Kase 72, 276 D Chand (Fij) 69,

K Imai 68, 277 Yc Yang (Kor) 66, 278

D Maruyama 69, T Tazawa 69, T Suzuki

68, 279 S Ho (Kor) 71, H Sasaki 71, T

Takahashi 70, 280 T Taniguchi 68, K

Myamoto 72, N Kawahara 65, R Oda

72, 282 A Vano 67, J-D Kim (Sin) 68, Y

Miyazato 73, S Conran (Aus) 75, K

Miyazato 70, K Hosokawa 68, Scott

Laycock (Aus) 71.

## RALLYING

## World Rally Championship

(Perth, Australia) - leading overall

positions: 1 F Duval (Bel) Citroen

Xsara WRC 3hrs 19mins 55.0secs, 2

H Rovaniemi (Fin) Mitsubishi Lancer

Evo WRC05 at 00mins 52.9secs, 3 M

Stolt (Aut) Citroen Xsara WRC at

1:33.0, 4 C Atkinson (Aus) Subaru

Impreza WRC 2005 at 1:39.0, 5 G

Galli (Ita) Mitsubishi Lancer Evo

WRC05 at 3:04, Also: 10 M Higgins

(GB) Subaru Impreza at 17:29.8.

Standings: 1 S Loeb (Fra) 127pts, 2

N Grynholm (Fin) 71, 3 P Solberg

(Nor) 71.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Gillette Tri-Nations Series

Great Britain. 38 New Zealand 12

Great Britain: T. Fielden, Deacon,

Carney (2), Walker, Senior, G.

Deacon (2), Harris (5), New Zealand

T. Webster, Lauluti.

## P W D L F A Pts

Australia...3 2 0 1 76 70 4

New Zealand...4 2 0 2 118 120 4

Great Britain...3 1 0 2 70 74 2

## RUGBY UNION

## Internationals

England...26 Australia...16

England-T. Cohen, Cueto, C.

Hodgson, Barkley, P. Hodgson (2),

Barkley, DG: Hodgson.

Australia-T. Mitchell, C. Rogers,

P. Rogers (3).

Att: 62,000.

France...50 Canada...6

France-T. Bonnaire (2), Michalak,

Marty, Castaignede, Bruno, Mignoni,

C. Yachvili (2), Michalak, P. Yachvili

(2), Michalak.

Canada-P. Daypuck, DG:

Daypuck.

Att: 37,000.

Ireland...7 New Zealand...45

Ireland-T. Horan, C. Humphreys,

New Zealand-T. Sivatu (2),

Weepu, Howlett (2), C. Evans (4), P.

Evans (4).

Att: 42,000.

Italy...48 Tonga...0

Italy-T. Bortolami (2), M.

Bergamasco (2), Canale, Sole (2), C.

Pez (5), P. Pez.

Scotland...19 Argentina...23

Scotland-T. Parks, C. Paterson,

P. Paterson (3), DG: Parks.

Argentina-T. Leonelli, Penally, C.

Todeschini (2), P. Todeschini (3).

Att: 20,000.

## Guinness Premiership

Leicester...25 Gloucester...20

Leicester-T. Holford, Vardell (2),

C. Goode (2), P. Goode (2).

Gloucester-T. Allen, Morgan, C.

Mercier (2), P. Mercier (2).

Att: 16,815.

Northampton...13 Wasps...21

Northampton-T. Davies, C.

Rathbone, P. Rathbone, DG: Spencer.

Wasps-T. Reddan, Hoadley, C.

King, P. King (3).

Att: 13,585.

## Yesterday

Bath...12 Saracens...12

Bath-P. Durne (3), DG:

Stephenson.

Saracens-P. Jackson (4).

Att: 10,346.

Bristol...32 Leeds...6

Bristol-T. Lemi, Winters, C.

Strange (2), P. Strange (6).

Leeds-P. Ross (2).

Att: 7,648.

Worcester...7 Bath...12

Worcester-T. 1 185 130 24

Leicester...7 4 2 1 181 126 23

Gloucester...7 4 2 1 168 129 21

Northampton...7 4 2 1 151 107 20

Worcester...7 4 2 1 130 138 18

Saracens...7 3 1 3 164 148 18

Bristol...7 3 0 4 125 145 14

Bath...7 2 1 4 121 156 12

Northampton...7 2 0 5 110 157 11

Leeds...7 1 5 127 144 10

Leeds...7 0 7 102 207 2

## SQUASH

CNS International Championship

(Karachi, Pakistan) - 1st rd: M

Heather (Eng) bt S Zaman (Pak) 9-11

11-2 H Mohd Ashour (Egy) bt K A

Butt (Pak) 11-6 11-9 11-8, A A

Macboob (Pak) 11-4 11-10 11-5, A A

Khan (Pak) bt F Mehboob (Pak) 1

1-10 11-10 11-9, A Khan (Pak) bt S I

Khan (Pak) 5-11 11-6 4-11 11-3 11-6,

K M Khan (Pak) bt K A Khan (Pak)

11-9 5-11 11-4 11-3, A Bunk (Pak) bt

M Zaman (Pak) 6-11 11-8 11-4 11-3.

## TENNIS

Masters Cup (Shanghai) - Group

A: R Federer (Swi) bt D Nalbandian

(Arg) 6-3 2-6 6-4, I Ljubicic (Cro) bt G

Coris (Arg) 6-2 6-3.

## TODAY'S DIARY

Football (7.45pm unless stated)

Saudi Arabia v Ghana (5pm)

FA Cup First Rd Replays

Weymouth v Nottm Forest

Worcester v Chippenhams

Barclaycard Premiership

Reserve League North: Bolton v

Blackburn (7pm), Newcastle v Aston

Villa (7pm), Wolverhampton v Wigan

(7pm).

South: Arsenal v Southampton

(7pm), Ipswich v Tottenham (7pm).

FA Youth Cup-1st rnd:

Morecambe v Darlington (7pm),

Daisy Hill v Doncaster (7.15).

Nationwide North: Droylsden v

Gainsborough, Hednesford v

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## England strikers hit top form against Argies

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■ from BRIAN WOOLNOUGH

ARGENTINA last night rubbished England's chances of World Cup glory.

Argie coach Jose Pekerman told England to enjoy their moment but was quick to offer a warning.

"We did not lose a football match tonight, we lost the last three minutes.

"We are not getting carried away in defeat and England must not get carried away in winning. The big test is to come and we would win the next time.

"England are a tough team and this is their moment. Has it come too early?

"I suggest England enjoy their moment for, surely, Argentina will win next time."

Chelsea's Hernan Crespo said: "We did not deserve to lose the game but when you play a great footballing nation there is always a danger you will.

"This result had nothing to do with the World Cup.

## Penalty

"It was, however, a clear penalty just before the winning goal when the referee decided that Steve Gerrard's tackle was fair.

"He had decided a draw was a better result. He was wrong. In a World Cup that decision would have been a penalty to us. Then they broke away and scored.

"I admit that both sides wanted to win the game badly and we had a lot of chances to do it.

"I hope Chelsea pick me on Saturday against Newcastle for surely Michael Owen can't do this again. It will be my turn."

Crespo says he is happy at Chelsea and that his relationship with coach Jose Mourinho is not a problem. "I do not need to talk with Mourinho. There is no problem. Why should there be after only two defeats? I am ready to play."

WORLD-BEATERS: Michael Owen celebrates his late winner with Wayne Rooney



## Wayne's Pat on the back

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need to learn a lot. He has so many expectations and sometimes people forget how young he is."

But Vieira still hasn't forgotten or forgiven his series of run-ins with Van Nistelrooy, which nearly exploded into violence two years ago when Vieira was sent off for fouling the Dutchman, who later missed a penalty and was mobbed by Arsenal players.

Van Nistelrooy has already warned he might sue Vieira for calling him a cheat but he repeated the slur saying: "He's a cheat.

"Maybe someone would say I'm going too far - but that's what I think. I base it on how he behaves on the pitch. I have more

respect for a player like Roy Keane because he will face everything.

"He will have something to say to you, he will confront you and he will say to you what he wants to say."

But he admitted the Arsenal players, led by Martin Keown, were wrong in the way they treated Van Nistelrooy at the end of the match.

He added: "Of course when you do something wrong, you always realise it.

"But you obviously realise it too late because you have done it already.

"I didn't say that we behave at the best, because of course we were wrong to behave that way."

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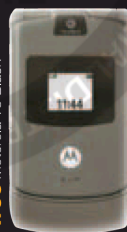
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# to make us believe we can win in Germany



from BRIAN WOOLNOUGH in Geneva

IT'S a double act that could become a national treasure ... like The Two Ronnies or Morecambe and Wise.

England fans are suddenly laughing all the way to the World Cup and, with Michael Owen and Wayne Rooney together, anything can happen in Germany.

The last-minute drama here on Saturday night was more than a victory over Argentina. It was a morale-boosting shot in the arm for England in the countdown to the World Cup.

They discovered that with Rooney and Owen they can beat anyone. More significantly, they fear no-one.

*With just three friendlies to go before England's first match, Sven Goran Eriksson and the boys are in good shape. This was the scalp they wanted.*

Now Sven and every supporter must hope and pray that Owen and Rooney stay fit and arrive in Germany unscathed. They hold the key.

They can unlock any door. England will concede goals but they also know with these two they can outscore anyone.

Eriksson purred with satisfaction as he said: "Owen is 25 and has been around for years. Has there ever been anyone like Rooney at 20?"

"They are two world-class talents playing for England."

"When you have them together there is always a chance to win the game, whatever the circumstances."

## Huge

For Rooney this was a massive match. He discovered that some of the best defenders around are scared of him.

And, as they attempted to rattle his concentration with acts of spoiling and dirty tricks, he kept his head.

Manchester United's 20-year-old is already one of the finest talents around and the World Cup will be a huge occasion for him.

If England are to win, then Rooney will emerge as the player of the tournament. He and Owen spell danger.

Eriksson added: "With Rooney anything can happen. He is like a volcano with his talent waiting to erupt."

"When he drops deep without anyone marking him it is incredible. There is nothing he can't do. He shoots, plays people in, causes problems. He's incredible."

"Owen was quiet for long periods and then pow, goal."

"This is the best squad of players I have had under my control and I just hope I can take everyone I want to the World Cup."

"It meant a lot to the team to win the game and it will mean a big difference going into the tournament. Every day since Wednesday I told them, 'This is no ordinary friendly'."

*England have had Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley, then Teddy Sheringham and Alan Shearer but this is different, something special.*

Owen, the master striker with 35 goals to his name, and Rooney, a one-off, a player who only comes around once in a lifetime.

Rooney said: "It was a big

# ROO TWO WILL RULE THE WORLD

DEADLY DUO: Owen and Rooney show their delight at beating Argentina



experience for me and a big result for the team. Argentina are a great passing team and had a lot of possession.

"We had to get the ball, make our shape right and once we did that they couldn't live with us. We wanted to run at them, raise the tempo and get them to commit."

## Magic

"I learned so much in this game about myself and defenders. The win gives us confidence and, if we keep playing like this, we are going to have a great World Cup."

Rooney's magic moment was not his goal but in the second half when he aggressively won a challenge and then instinctively tried to chip the goalkeeper from outside the area. God-given talent. Only a superb save stopped one of the great international moments.

And what happens if one of them is injured? Peter Crouch will go on.

Eriksson rates him as an alternative supersub and Argentina were clearly bemused by his towering lamp-post presence.

Rooney said: "I doubt if we would have won had Crouch not come on. They were more concerned about him and forgot about Michael."

"Crouch was brilliant when he came on and it gave us a different attacking option."

"He has taken stick in recent weeks but kept his head down, worked hard and was the main influence in winning the game."

"When Michael scored the winning goal the defender was more worried about Crouch. The smallest player on the pitch gets two headers."

The fourth striker in the squad is Jermain Defoe but,

again, Rooney and Owen must play if England are to have a chance.

The rest of the side is taking shape. Gary Neville and Ashley Cole will be the full-backs and Eriksson has made it clear Ledley King will only play the holding midfield role against top attacking sides like Argentina.

## Proved

Against the rest he must persuade either Frank Lampard or Steve Gerrard to do it. "They are both reluctant because they enjoy their freedom," added Sven.

"It is no problem and Gerrard can play anywhere, as he proved against Argentina."

Eriksson clearly wants Rio Ferdinand as one of his main centre-halves and hinted he left him out against Austria to teach him a lesson. "Maybe,"

he said carefully. "I selected him this time on form after watching him against Chelsea."

*"Sol Campbell is not yet 100 per cent. He is a big man and needs more time to reach his peak. Centre-half is not a problem. Any two of the three can play."*

So, here we are, three friendlies from the World Cup, with real optimism.

Eriksson has survived the early-season chaos and England are improving, from Austria, Poland and now this victory over Argentina.

It was achieved because of the desire and spirit of the team - and two forwards who are a partnership made in heaven.

England discovered on Saturday night they can beat anyone. Now can they do it when it really matters? Hopes this morning are much higher.

## Becks: Now it's time to believe

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special bond which can help them win the World Cup in Germany next summer.

The Real Madrid ace added: "It has always been good with this manager and these players but especially tonight. You have to have great belief in your manager to win."

"I hope people look at this result and take note of our belief. We had that at Manchester United. We always felt we could get back and tonight it was the same, and when we scored to make it 2-2, I felt we could get another."

"It meant a lot to me and it meant a lot to the whole nation. Even though it was a friendly we can enjoy the performance and the win."

"We can take a lot of confidence - we didn't just create a lot of chances and score three goals."

"The players realise that if we take this performance and this togetherness into the World Cup, then we'll be fine."

"You always feel confident when you have a goalkeeper behind you who is stopping shots the way Paul (Robinson) was in the first half. When you have got that, you have the confidence to go out and play."

### Perfect

"I said at half-time that it felt like a proper World Cup game. That was partly to do with the opposition and a lot to do with the fans out there. The atmosphere was electric and the players responded."

"It was the perfect game to start our preparations for the World Cup."

But Becks warned: "We need to play like this and work like this in the remaining friendlies. The atmosphere was a lot more relaxed around this game, and that was mainly because we have qualified."

Beckham laughed off pre-match taunts from the Argentina squad claiming: "It's better to sing when you're winning."

The Argentinians called England players "fags" and "whores" as they arrived on their coach.

The South Americans also famously taunted England after they beat them in the 1998 World Cup on penalties - when Becks was sent off.

England now have their revenge after winning in Japan in 2002, and here on Saturday.

Becks fired back: "These things happen. It happened on their bus after the 1998 World Cup but we are just going to enjoy the victory."

"What happens outside the game doesn't really interest me. We have shown the togetherness we need for the World Cup."

"Better that they are singing before the game than afterwards. We would take that every time."



# Roo's Pat on back

■ by STEVE ACTESON

PATRICK VIEIRA believes Wayne Rooney could become England's greatest star ever.

But the former Arsenal legend is still carrying on his war with Rooney's Manchester United strike partner Ruud van Nistelrooy — again calling him a cheat!

Speaking on Sky News yesterday, Juventus star Vieira heaped praise on 20-year-old Rooney after his fantastic performance against Argentina.

## Talent

He said: "He is one of the best talents in the country and has the potential to be one of the best in the future."

"When you have a talent, that does not mean that you make a career. Making a career is a difference between players who play for one, two or three years and those who make 10, 15 years at the top level. That is a great player."

"Rooney has the potential to be one of the best English players ever, but he will

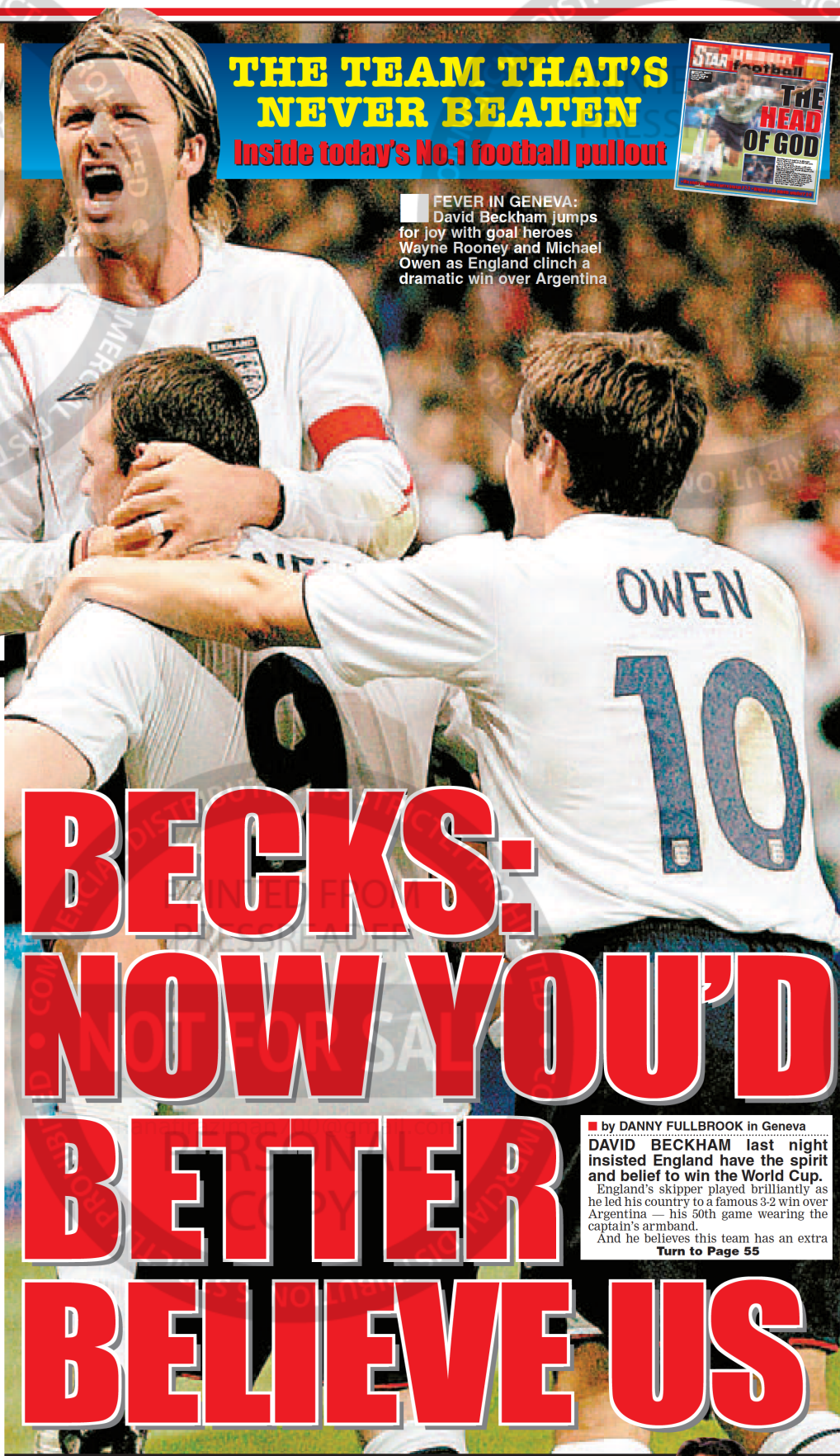
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# THE TEAM THAT'S NEVER BEATEN

Inside today's No.1 football pullout



■ **FEVER IN GENEVA:**  
David Beckham jumps for joy with goal heroes Wayne Rooney and Michael Owen as England clinch a dramatic win over Argentina



# BECKS: NOW YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE US

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK in Geneva

**DAVID BECKHAM** last night insisted England have the spirit and belief to win the World Cup.

England's skipper played brilliantly as he led his country to a famous 3-2 win over Argentina — his 50th game wearing the captain's armband.

And he believes this team has an extra  
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